

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

DR. TERRY BERGESON OLD CAPITOL BUILDING • PO BOX 47200 • OLYMPIA WA 98504-7200 • http://www.k12.wa.us

July 18, 2007

Doug Sutherland, Commissioner Department of Natural Resources P.O. Box 47001 Olympia, WA 98504-7001

Dear Commissioner Sutherland:

As a member of the BNR and as State Superintendent of Public Instruction, I am delighted and proud to celebrate the Department of Natural Resources role as a national leader in natural resource management.

I have learned a great deal in my ten years on the Board and I believe strongly that we well deserve the recognition the department receives. I wish every citizen in our state could see the care, the intelligence, the great science and the common sense that is employed daily by the great staff of the department to steward the three million plus acres of state-owned trust lands, including forests, range, agricultural land, and commercial properties in our land base.

I am sorry that I cannot attend today but I am with you in spirit. Thank you for your leadership, Doug, and thanks to all the wonderful partners in the work we do.

 $///_{\wedge}$

Sincerely.

Of. Terry Bergeson State Superintendent Of Public Instruction